



Crop Weather

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Agricultural Summary: The month of December in Kansas had plenty of rain, snow, and ice, with some areas receiving record amounts of snow fall. The heaviest precipitation was in the Northeast and East Central areas with Bourbon County reporting 3.60 inches followed by Brown with 2.79 and Marshall with 2.65. The snow was accompanied by low temperatures and high winds that resulted in drifting that made for dangerous traveling conditions and left some wheat fields bare. There was an average of 12 days suitable for field work early in the month before the winter weather kept producers out of the fields. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated as 4 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus.

Field Crop Report: There were reports of some isolated row crop fields across Kansas that are still standing for harvest. Cotton harvest was delayed by snow and cold weather but will continue as producers are able to get into the fields. The lack of snow cover on winter wheat fields along with the late planting dates has farmers concerned with the potential for wind damage and winter kill. The **winter wheat** crop condition was rated as 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 61 percent good and 8 percent excellent. Wind damage to the crop is rated as 88 percent with no damage, 11 percent with light damage, and 1 percent with moderate damage. Freeze damage to the winter wheat is rated as 87 percent with no damage, 12 percent with light damage, and 1 percent with moderate damage.

Feed Supplies Report: The feed grain supplies in Kansas are rated as 1 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies are rated as 4 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Feed supplies are being drawn upon more with the snow cover and cold temperatures.

Temp. and Precip. Data, Selected Sites, for the Month of December 2009

Station		Temperature					Precip ^{1/}	Station		Temperature					Precip ^{1/}
		Air			Soil 4"					Air			Soil 4"		
Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min		Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	
NW	Colby	57	-5	23	43	16	NA	SC	Hesston	56	0	22	52	32	NA
WC	Tribune	64	-11	26	38	29	NA	NE	Powhatt	59	-5	26	60	29	NA
SW	Garden Cty	61	-11	27	43	29	NA	NE	Manhat	59	-13	25	52	32	NA
NC	Scandia	61	-16	20	41	29	NA	EC	Ottawa	59	4	30	60	28	NA
C	Hays	61	-6	24	48	31	NA	EC	Slvr Lk	62	-8	27	45	32	NA
SC	Hutch	58	-6	28	52	35	NA	EC	Rossvl	47	-8	20	37	32	NA
SC	St John	60	-6	26	52	32	NA	SE	Parsons	57	7	31	47	33	NA

^{1/} Gauges have been covered for the winter. Data collected by Automated Stations (above) may differ from official stations (opposite). Automated stations report through midnight on Sunday. Official reporting stations data are through 7:00 a.m. Sunday. The map data are collected by individuals (one or more per county).

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Precipitation for the Month of December 2009

Cheyenne 0.23	Rawlins 0.61	Decatur 1.52	Norton 1.21	Phillips 1.13	Smith 1.52	Jewell 1.24	Republic 2.27	Washington 2.32	Marshall 2.65	Nemaha 2.34	Brown 2.79	Doniphan 2.26	
Sherman 0.49	Thomas 0.69	Sheridan 1.05	Graham 0.91	Rooks 1.39	Osborne 1.37	Mitchell 1.50	Cloud 1.36	Clay 1.95	Riley 1.99	Pottawatomie 1.08	Jackson 2.31	Atchison 1.77	Leavenworth 2.34
Wallace 0.81	Logan 0.06	Gove 1.23	Trego 1.55	Ellis 1.19	Russell 0.78	Lincoln 1.10	Ottawa 1.41	Dickinson 1.52	Geary 1.21	Wabaunsee 1.55	Shawnee 1.95	Jefferson 1.79	Wyandotte 1.08
Greeley 0.52	Wichita 0.46	Scott 0.51	Lane 0.78	Ness 0.78	Rush 1.12	Barton 0.97	Ellsworth 0.91	Saline 0.62	Morris 1.06	Lyon 0.68	Osage 1.61	Douglas 2.35	Johnson 1.68
Hamilton 0.12	Kearny 0.21	Finney 0.21		Hodgeman 0.71	Pawnee 0.90	Stafford 0.41	Rice 0.48	McPherson 0.67	Marion 0.79	Chase 0.70	Coffey 0.38	Franklin 0.62	Miami 1.90
Stanton 0.13	Grant 0.13	Haskell 0.02	Gray 0.40	Ford 0.38	Edwards 0.57		Reno 0.32	Harvey 0.66		Butler 0.79	Greenwood 1.42	Woodson 1.38	Allen 2.13
Morton 0.09	Stevens 0.03	Seward 0.03	Meade 0.03	Clark 0.16	Comanche 0.07	Barber 0.25	Harper 0.17	Sumner 0.29	Cowley 0.72	Elk 1.26	Wilson 1.68	Neosho 1.85	Bourbon 3.60
										Chautauqua 1.64	Montgomery 1.76	Labette 2.31	Crawford 1.72
												Cherokee 1.64	

Omission of an entry indicates report not received.